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## TACKLING REPARATIONS PROBLEM.

### PREMIERS' CHEQUERS MEETING.

#### FRIENDLY INFORMAL DISCUSSION.

#### GENERAL AGREEMENT REACHED.

ANGLO-FRENCH RELATIONS DISTINCTLY IMPROVED.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, June 22.

A communiqué states that M. Herriot and Mr. MacDonald had a friendly informal discussion at Chequers during the week-end on questions arising out of the Dawes report and measures to put it into execution.

A definite conclusion was not reached pending consultation with the Italian and Belgian Governments. The conversation revealed general agreement between the French and British viewpoints and a common determination to overcome the difficulties by means of continuous co-operation.

It was agreed, subject to the convenience of the other Allies to hold a conference in London not later than the middle of July for the purpose of definitely settling the procedure to be adopted.

The two Premiers agreed briefly to visit Geneva together for the opening of the Assembly of the League of Nations in September.

#### "DISTINCT ADVANCE."

LONDON, June 22.

There has been a distinct advance in British and French relations as the outcome of the Premier's conversations at Chequers with which it is stated M. Herriot is very pleased. It is understood that the talk between the two statesmen was very frank. Both desired a personal understanding and this was attained without either conceding any vital point.

M. Herriot, on his return to London, placed a wreath at the Cenotaph, also on the grave of the Unknown Warrior in the Abbey.

He goes to Brussels to-morrow where he interviews M. Theunis, the Premier, and M. Hymans, Foreign Minister.

[Earlier cables stated that M. Herriot, accompanied by the French permanent Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, arrived in London bound for Chequers, to meet Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, accompanied by Sir Eyre Crowe. High hopes centred in the week-end conversations which were taking place in a most favourable atmosphere. They were expected to prove an important first step towards settlement of Europe's outstanding problems. The fact that General Nollet accompanied M. Herriot as far as Calais, in order to explain the exact position of France's security, the question with which is bound up of control of German armaments, indicated that this was likely to be a prominent topic. The application of the experts' report will likewise be discussed. M. Herriot to Reuter expressed the greatest faith in the Entente, for which he had wholeheartedly worked. He declared close Franco-British relations were essential, both now and in the future, for the peace of the world.]

#### FRANCE AND RUSSIA.

#### RECOGNITION BEING CONSIDERED.

#### AMERICA'S COMMON INTEREST.

(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, June 22.

M. Herriot has sent a despatch with a view to bringing about an exchange of views with the United States before taking steps concerning the French recognition of Soviet Russia.

The despatch intimated the belief that the United States and France have much in common in their attitude towards the Soviet Government and it might therefore benefit them mutually perhaps to reach an understanding regarding the course each should pursue.

The despatch significantly recalls President Coolidge's recent message to Congress, when he laid down the conditions of American recognition, namely that Soviet abandonment of the policy of confiscation or nationalisation of private property, indemnification for past seizures, acknowledgment of Russia's just obligations and cessation of propaganda in the United States.

#### NOT A FIRST STEP.

PARIS, June 22.

The Quai d'Orsay points out that negotiations have not opened between Paris and Washington regarding the recognition of the Soviet.

M. Herriot has merely instructed the French Ambassador to communicate with the State Department as an act of courtesy the text of the passage in his Ministerial declaration, thereby officially drawing attention to the new French policy to Russia.

A reply is not requested and is not awaited. A similar demarche has been made by the French Embassy in London and in other capitals interested.

#### RUSSIA'S CURRENCY.

#### LONDON MINT'S BIG CONTRACT.

#### MAKING SILVER COINS.

LONDON, June 22.

In consequence of the inability of the Leningrad Mint to meet sufficiently quickly the coinage requirements for trade uses, the Soviet Government has contracted with the Royal Mint for the coining of 40,000,000 half-ruble pieces, called poltinniks, to consist of nine parts silver and one copper, value about one shilling.

The Soviet Trade Delegation in London is supplying the necessary silver, all of which has already been quietly secured. Coinage will begin at the end of June, delivery to be effected within four months.

The Leningrad Mint is also manufacturing silver rubles, silver poltinniks, and silver twenty, fifteen and ten kopek pieces; also smaller denomination copper coins.

### SILENCE.

#### "CLAN MACMILLAN" GONE.

#### MESSAGES CEASE.

#### CREW'S FATE NOT KNOWN.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, June 22.

No further news have been received regarding the "Clan Macmillan" which carries a crew of 77 but no passengers.

The vessel is presumed to have sunk or to have been abandoned in the heavy weather from the gales prevalent in the Bay of Bengal.

[A message from Rangoon stated that the steamer "Leicestershire" reported having received an S.O.S. from the steamer "Clan Macmillan," which was in a sinking condition thirty miles South East of Table Island. The "Leicestershire" was within sixteen miles of the "Clan Macmillan," which was bound from the Clyde to Calcutta, and Nukualofa in the Friendly Islands. A later message said that the "Leicestershire" reached the reported position of the "Clan Macmillan" at midday, but there was no sign of the "Clan Macmillan" or her boats. A search was being made. Another message stated that it was reported the "Clan Macmillan's" boats had been sighted off Andamans, but latest advices were that efforts to find the "Clan Macmillan" had failed, the earlier report that her boats had been sighted off Andamans being untrue.]

#### "ASSASSINS!"

#### SOCIALISTS' MATTEOTTI PROTEST.

#### LIVELY GENEVA MEETING.

LONDON, June 22.

The Matteotti crime is arousing the ire of Socialists all over Europe.

A Geneva message reports a 'stormy public protest meeting, 2,000 strong, including Labour conference delegates representing Britain, France, Holland, Germany, and Belgium. Allusion to the Fascist regime in the speeches provoked cries of "Assassins!" and "Bandits!"

The tumult was accompanied by expressions of "To the guillotine!"

Finally the meeting unanimously passed a resolution demanding freedom for Italian workers.

#### PARIS FREE FIGHT.

A Paris message says that disorderly scenes followed a Communist protest meeting including many Italians. When the meeting concluded, the participants encountered a procession of local societies with hands playing, whom they mistook for a counter demonstration.

A free fight ensued and the police intervened. The fighting became a fierce three-party melee and casualties were inflicted by both political parties before the police cleared the streets.

[The *Messenger* says that one of the principal people arrested in connection with the Matteotti crime has admitted complicity and accused three other prominent Fascists; two of whom have been arrested as instigators. It is alleged that Matteotti was dragged into a motor-car and murdered, the car driven to the woods and the body thrown into a hedge. The murderers returned to Rome and conferred with others with regard to disposal of the body, with the result that one of the assassins drove to the woods at night and disposed of the body, which the prisoner believed was burned.]

#### FUGITIVE SURRENDERS.

ROME, June 22.

Cesare Rossi has surrendered to the police.

#### MURDERED JAPANESE.

#### NOTORIOUS UNDERWORLD CHARACTERS.

#### FEUD BLAMED FOR DEATHS.

LOS ANGELES, June 22.

The police have identified the bodies of the two murdered Japanese as notorious underworld characters.

One victim's body was literally riddled with bullets. The police believe the murder was the outcome of a bootleggers' or gambling feud.

[The New York correspondent of the *Sunday Express* reported that the dead bodies of two Japanese were found on a country road near Fort Arthur, California, and another on Colorado Street outside Pasadena. The police suspected a reprisal for anti-American incidents in Japan. They believed the men were murdered in Los Angeles and the bodies taken to the spots where they were found. The correspondent states that recent anti-Japanese outbreaks, near Los Angeles, caused the Japanese Businessmen's Association to appeal to the police for protection.]

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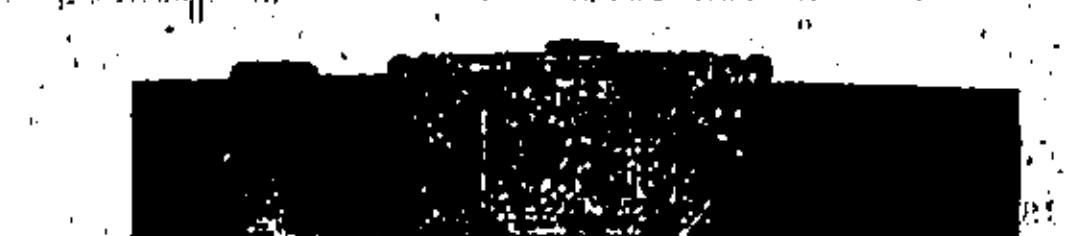
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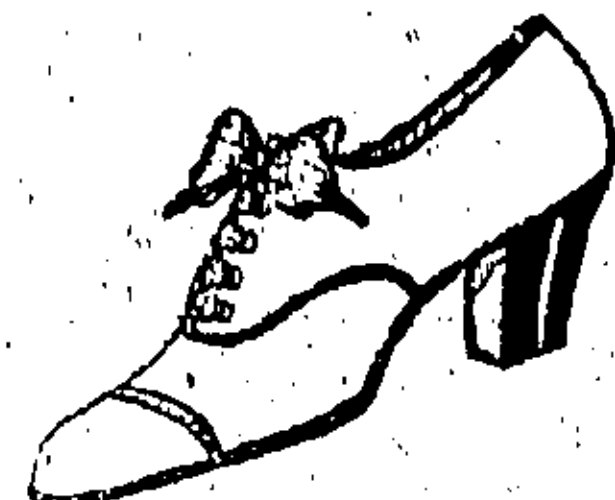
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## MAIL WEEK NEWS.

## ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

"The Way of the World" was performed for the 100th time at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith.

Dr. J. A. Fraser, who for 35 years was medical officer of the Rombold Poor Law Institution, died aged 69.

Going out to form an Australian "Yorkshire village," 22 girls from Bradford left England for Sydney, New South Wales.

A disease attacking the ears and noses of cattle has broken out in the south of Holland and North Brabant, and 200 cows have died in two days.

In a plain oak coffin under a spreading elm—as she wished—"E. Nesbit" (Mrs. Hubert Bland), the novelist, was buried at Romney Marsh.

The general strike in Argentina has been called off following the release of all arrested strikers, and a promise by the Government to amend the new pensions law.

Sir James Stevenson, who was made a Peer on the opening of the British Empire Exhibition, will take the title of Baron Stevenson of Holmby, in the county of Surrey.

At Belfast, Michael Prately was executed for the murder of Nelson Leech, who was shot during a hold-up on the premises of the firm by whom he was employed.

Greenwich Guardians refused the Commandant of the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, permission to erect a beacon for signalling practice at the Sidcup Homes.

Judgment was given for the Hunslet Guardians at Leeds County Court in four cases for the recovery of out-relief granted on loan to able-bodied unemployed.

Mrs. Catherine Hill, 96, of 25, Subitton-road, Kingston, Surrey, who died from a fractured skull after falling downstairs, was the widow of a man who died in the same way.

The Fordsdale, said to be the largest vessel yet built in Australia, arrived in the Thames at North Woolwich at the end of her maiden voyage, which was made in 30 days.

M. Henri de Jouvenel, the French Minister of Public Instruction, has decided to establish a Superior Council of Letters of 21 members to advise him.

Cardinal Bourne has appointed to the three vacant canonicates in his Metropolitan Chapter the Very Revs. Thomas Carey and George Curtis, who are already honorary canons, and the Rev. Arthur Pownall, of Staines.

Nothing was found in continued digging at Aspenden, Hertfordshire, where police are searching for the remains of Mrs. Brightling, who disappeared, when the Red Lion public-house was burnt down in 1917.

A further list of battle honours awarded for the war comprises awards to the Royal Horse Guards, five other Regular cavalry regiments, the Coldstream Guards, and six Yeomanry regiments.

Dr. William Bentley Purchase, barrister, has been appointed deputy to Mr. Ingleby Oddie, the Westminster and South West London coroner, in succession to Mr. Douglas Cowburn, who was recently appointed coroner for South East London.

When the German wives of two soldiers of the Gloucester Regiment were charged at Aldershot with being in unlawful possession of coal belonging to the Government, the husband of one of them acted as interpreter. The women were discharged.

The president and council of the Royal Academy have purchased, under the terms of the Chantry bequest, from the Royal Academy Exhibition, "The Infant Christ" (bronze bust), by Charles Wheeler, and "Ju-Jitsu" (bronze group), by Kellogg Brown.

That as little politics as possible should be talked was the wish expressed by Mr. F. W. Jowett, First Commissioner of Works, at an "at home" he gave at the Office of Works to members of the Parliamentary Labour Party and officials of his department and of the Independent Labour Party.

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For instance, Mr. T. S. P. Strangeways was showing tissue cultures in vitro, in which actual division of living cells was taking place. Here we get back very near to the beginning of life—that still eludes us. In his microscopes of high magnification, some 800 diameters, the thing could be seen working. The oval shaped cell becomes agitated, the strains to which it is being subjected are disclosed to the eye, and in time that may be five minutes or perhaps twenty minutes the cell divides into two. The mother cell becomes two daughter cells each of which after some twelve hours divides again, and so ad infinitum. It is the most primitive method of procreation. Long eons back at the dawn of creation there must have been one mother cell, with which life began. The cell when dividing ceases its accustomed functioning in the living tissue, and the newly created cell does not always live. Mr. Strangeways was able microscopically to show abnormal effects produced in dividing cells by exposure to X-rays.

Out of the deep sea, from 1,000 to 1,400 fathoms down, Dr. Gilchrist brought some abyssal forms of cephalopoda, whose peculiar adaptations to their dark and most unpleasant environment Mr. G. O. Robinson displayed by diagrams. The Royal College of Surgeons illustrated a new and surprisingly unexpected method studying bone growth. It is found that madder taking into the system stains red bone in the process of formation, but has no effect on bone already formed. Young pigs of varying age, were fed on madder-root, and thereafter slaughtered in the interests of science. The red stains in the divided bones displayed before the Royal Society are so clear that it is easy for an anatomist by their means to study the addition of

new bone and absorption of old, by which the various parts of the skeleton increase in size and are modelled to their final shape.

Among the relics exhibited astronomers were delighted to find exact copies, made for the Science Museum at Kensington, of the little telescopes constructed by Galileo, probably about the year 1610, and now preserved in the Museo di Fisica at Florence. The two have a magnification of but 14 and 20 respectively. With them Galileo discovered the moons of Jupiter, Saturn's rings, and first observed sun spots, and the details of our moon's surface. Another relic was the Earl of Orrey's silver pocket sundial, carried for telling the time by the sun before watches became universal. It is a beautiful piece of work, exhibited by Mr. George H. Gabb, its owner, and made about 1710 by Rowley, who lived at the sign of the Globe, under St. Dunstan's Church, in Fleet-street. Long famous for its scientific instrument makers, Fleet-street lost the last of the race only a year or two ago!



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### BIRTH.

**SAIKARI**—On June 15, 1924, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Sarkari, a son.

### MARRIAGE.

**SINCLAIR-CHAO**—On June 14, 1924, at Shanghai, James Alfred Sinclair, son of Mr. Thos. Neal Sinclair, of Kingston, Jamaica, to Evelyn Chao, daughter of Mr. K. S. Chao, of Shanghai.

### DEATH.

**MacRobert**—On June 11, 1924, at Kuling, Isabella MacRobert.

**The China Mail.**

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JUNE 23, 1924.

**MR. ERIC MOLLER'S BLIND OBSTINACY.**

Natural diffidence would have prevented us from making any reference to Mr. Eric Moller's bankruptcy were it not that

acting than for example the P. & O. Company were concerned with the authority under which vessels were handed over to them for management. Hongkong did not requisition Mr. Moller's ships; it merely gave its machinery to help the Shipping Controller in time of grave national crisis. Hongkong's Governor never attempted to requisition a ship either under the Royal Prerogative or under the Order-in-Council, and no owner here refused to run his vessels under the local scheme.

In Singapore the Eastern Shipping Company, however, refused to run its vessels under the Straits scheme. The Singapore Governor thereupon requisitioned the Eastern Shipping Company's vessels and handed them over to another party to manage. An action was subsequently brought and the Governor was advised that he must abandon the requisition under the Royal Prerogative and rely upon the 1896 Order-in-Council. This meant that the Straits Government had to accept the responsibility and that the Eastern Shipping Company won its claim. That is the crucial difference between the two cases—the Singapore Government requisitioned the Eastern Shipping Company's vessels, the Hongkong Government did not requisition Mr. Moller's. Therefore it is idle for Mr. Moller to keep suggesting that he has been defrauded by the Hongkong Government. Any claim that he may have must lie against the Imperial Government; and as we have pointed out before, the Imperial Government cannot possibly make him any individual concession without paying out millions of pounds made by ships under control in every part of the world. That in fact is why the Hongkong Indemnity Ordinance was passed, as passed, it was under express orders from Home, "a matter of Imperial policy" clearly designed to protect the Shipping Controller.

These ships, as we have already pointed out, made their huge profits solely through the war and had they not been brought under Imperial control they would have been the only ships enjoying the protection of the British flag that would have been allowed to prosper without check. That they did make huge profits is not denied; but it is insisted that these profits would never have come into being at all had not the war forced the Imperial Government to take many better ships away from their usual work. That is why the Moller ships were brought under control—the British Government wanted every line treated alike. Since these same huge profits were made out of the war the Imperial Government further ruled that the taxpayer should reap the chief benefit, the owners receiving what they would ordinarily have made. Hence the indemnity laws; hence the absurdity of Mr. Moller's inference that he has been defrauded by the Hongkong Government; hence also these few remarks to refute once more, in the absence of Mr. Fletcher from the Colony, slanders that we thought had long ago been nailed.

### Hopping Off.

Much notice does not seem to have been taken of the phrase which heralded the American around the world flyers. At every stage of their flight they had hopped off. Like most American phrases it is descriptive and to the point. Other, and perhaps more accurate descriptions, might have been used, but in the one used we have accuracy with a great amount of euphemism attached. It is perhaps not a new phrase. Hopping off its derivatives, has always been a part of our idiomatic expression to indicate a manner. "Hop it," "Hop the twig" are more or less familiar. The word hop was at one time perhaps still in use familiarly to indicate a dance. It was certainly fashionable slang, and later descended into more homely circles. How many, we wonder, have been invited to attend "a hopping hop," or perhaps a shilling one. In this connection a Hop Merchant described sufficiently a dancing master. Hop the twig has its various uses, one of which

when applied to a person is so used to indicate that he has run away. It is also a flippant expression meaning to die. The American flyers are using a singularly happy description to denote their method of getting from one place to another. They have so far been singularly fortunate in their hopping off and the wish will be as it will be to all who are assaying the seemingly impossible—that they will hop safely to their destination.

### TO-DAY'S Irritating thought—

The penalty of popularity is unjust criticism.

**BRIGHTER** Billibid in Manila is PRISONS. the only place we know of where there has been a consistent effort to treat prisoners more on a friendly than a prosecuting or persecuting basis, and to turn them out with a new ray of hope and without that taint which the world seemingly applies to people who have turned the wrong corner. In England there is a movement to make prison life accord with humanitarian aims. At Newcastle-upon-Tyne for instance, some of the amenities there include:

Clothes without the broad arrow; Collars and the promise of ties; Weekly news bulletin, giving foot-ball results; Daily shave and ordinary hair cutting instead of cropping; More letters and notebooks for special study purposes; Library books, that can be changed weekly.

The head of the prison, speaking to a Rotary Club meeting said that prison meals were ample; the food of better quality and more varied; tea and cocoa were substituted for "the everlasting porridge." He added that shaving and trimming of the hair helped men to regain their self-respect. Added to this comes the information that flowers and palms now adorn the corridors in the women's quarters of Cardiff prison. The term—"Brighter Prisons"—seems justified.

Students expelled from certain schools. MISSION SCHOOLS. In Canton—principally missionary schools—are evidently not going to take their dismissal lying down. It remains to be seen how far their proposed agitation will progress towards their desire for greater supervision or control of missionary schools. Those with experience of schools in China will look on the agitation with not a little interest. Disciplinary measures have long since been over due in a great many schools where the schoolboy element has taken on attitudes entirely out of keeping with its mentality and its age. The desideratum would appear to be a school in keeping with the proposed "Community" school in Berlin—in which the pupils themselves will decide the nature of their tasks. Democracy is much to be desired, even in schools—but the dividing line between democracy and autocracy is small indeed. We know of one school where it was proposed to appoint a new Head. The students objected and threatened a strike. The proposed new Head was not appointed. Student democracy and independence gone mad.

The reference to a "Community School" in Berlin, mentioned in the preceding paragraph is interesting. The pupils themselves will decide the nature of their tasks, whilst it will be sought to make each of them "an active member of society who feels his social responsibilities, and will grow up in the Service of the Community." At one time "made in Germany" was a reproach—a statement indicating something cheap and nasty. A Community School as made in Germany has certainly the elements of Vision behind it.

on board a steamer. THOUGHTS The difficulty in finding your cabin. The thought that perhaps one's shirt will not last out. The luxury of London modern travel. The thirty-three items on the menu. "Movies" after dinner on the upper deck. The jazz band. The notice that the ship has done 314 miles. The lady with the mop of red hair. That other one with the shingled head. The deadliness of "the Social Parlor." The lady who will play the piano. The ship's ice cream. Prohibition on board. Soft drinks as an aid to conversation—so full of gas. The morning inspection by the captain.

What struck you most? "A Canadian visitor at the Wembley Exhibition asked another "Canadian" was the reply. "I never knew we had such a wonderful country."

### JUDICIAL suggestion which should be noted by our local artists.

Society, that the best way of helping artists is to buy their pictures, would not have commended itself to that great jurist, Lord Chief Justice Cockburn. Cockburn's houses contained neither pictures nor any work of art. Once Lytton was a member of a party asked to inaugurate a new house of Cockburn's in Hertford-street, and someone remarked on the bareness of the walls. Lytton looked round, and said, "Just the kind of house for him to start from after breakfast—to hang a man."

concerning which SINGAPORE so much has been heard lately. In connection with the now shelved Dock Scheme means literally "Lion City," since being the Sanitary for Lion, and pore for city. Its inhabitants have bestowed upon it the somewhat grandiloquent name of the Queen City of the Eastern Seas. It is also called by the more prosaic title of the Clapham Junction of the East; a title that is well deserved, for it is almost the literal truth that every ship proceeding by way of the Suez Canal to or from China, Japan, or Australia must pass Singapore.

WHAT "P.R." MEANS. Proportional Representation which was debated out of the House of Commons recently, is not so well known as it might be. Here is a "bird's-eye" view of the matter:

Under the form of Proportional Representation favoured by Liberals, electors would have one vote, but instead of putting a cross opposite the name of their candidate, they would place figures indicating the order of their preference. If the candidate marked 1 were defeated, the vote would be transferred to the candidate marked 2, and so on till the required number of candidates was elected.

There would have to be a regrouping of constituencies (except in sparsely populated districts) returning from five to eight members.

George Law-SIKI'S PLAYFUL WAYS. rance, who was over here as manager of

Colin Bell, the Australian heavy-weight boxer, has been trying his hand at managing the trying Bantling Siki, the singular Senegalese, who put the "tier" in Carpenter one sunny September Sunday. Lawrence is only one of many (says *Sporting Life*) who have attached themselves to Siki as managers, and he, like others of his predecessors, turned up the job after holding it about five minutes, during which Siki had engaged in un-promoted fights, and no purse money. Siki's final exploit, that led to the separation of his would-be manager, took place in a restaurant in Havana. A native stevedore, Senor Miguel Chacon Sartil, was sipping good liquor with great enjoyment when Siki playfully jabbed him in the stomach, and Senor Miguel, being an equally sportive person, hit Siki on the head with a sugar bowl. That was carrying the joke too far, because the sugar bowl was one of those well-built contraptions designed for hard wear, and Siki, besides taking the count and a bit over, had to have several stitches put in his scalp.

According to late reports, over in America they are now putting an infinitesimal dose of iodine into the water supply reservoirs. By adding about 20 parts of sodium iodide to every billion parts of water, twice a year, it is hoped to give to the human system, and particularly to the thyroid gland, the essential material it needs to prevent goitre. It might indeed have a visible effect in counteracting cancer.

Friday, April 16, 1924. Price FROM THE "TIMES" OF 1924. 7d. "A Lady at the west end of the town has carried her prudery so far that she has separated the writings of the male and female authors in her library. On Friday se'night, as the condemned prisoners were entering the goal in this town, one of them of the name of Bradman, convicted of the burglary at Glemsford, was thus accosted by his motor: "Well, boy, what are you to be done to?" "Hanged, mother," replied the son. "Well, rejoined the mother, 'be a good boy, and don't be hanged in your best clothes, but let me have them. I had better take your red waistcoat now!"

Many a man during the week-end found that there is certainly no place like home.

On June 21—The postal strike has been a fiasco except at Toronto and Montreal. The Postmaster General has ordered the dismissal of all strikers not returning within twenty-four hours.—*Reuter*.

### To-day's Poem.

(In the Train.)  
My neighbour, with perpetual frown,  
Searches his paper up and down,  
And soon his head is deeply bent,  
Upon the stocks and shares intent.

My stock is in the railway bank,  
For dividend 'twill quickly rank.  
The safe has all that it can hold  
Of new-wrought dandelion gold.

From this time forth till summer ends,  
I plan to draw my dividends;  
O may my engine play no prank—  
I want no run-upon my bank.  
—A. W.

### WEATHER CALENDAR.

JUNE 23.

1660. Staid to see the King touch people for the King's evil. But he did not come at all, it rained so. —Pepys.

### ANGER.

To be angry with anything whatever is to waste good energy, whether you be man, or master, wife or widow. —Eden Phillips.

### SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

### ENTERTAINMENTS.

June 23.—Coronet Theatre; "The Girl of the Golden West"; "The Iron Trail"; "The Dancing Cheat." June 23.—World Theatre; "The Dancing Cheat." June 23.—Queen's Theatre; "Maytime."

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

June 25.—Lammert Bros. at Sales Rooms, printing machine etc., noon.

### COMPANY MEETINGS.

June 26.—Lammert Bros. at Alexandra Buildings, premises of the Chinese Merchants' Bank Ltd., office furniture, 11 a.m. July 7.—Further extraordinary meeting of A. S. Watson & Co. Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, 11.30 a.m. September 16.—Extraordinary general meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the Registered Office of the Company, Pedder Street, noon.

October 3.—Second meeting of the China Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street, noon. October 20.—Third meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street, noon.

### OTHER MEETINGS.

June 23.—Annual general meeting of the Peak Club at the Club, 6.30 p.m. and extraordinary general meeting immediately after. July 14.—Further extraordinary meeting of the Peak Club, 6.30 p.m.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Canton masons' and carpenters are threatening to strike, writes our special correspondent, demanding higher wages and shorter hours.

Heavy rain has been falling nearly every day, writes our Hongkong correspondent, and the river is rising rapidly. The harvest in the Sze Yap districts will not be affected. Good crops are expected.

According to a *Reuter* cable from Secunderabad, the Nizam of Hyderabad has granted the ex-Khalif Abdul Medjid a life pension of £300, beginning from the beginning of July.

The Yellow Dragon (Queens College) for June is another excellent number. Mr. Crook writes on H. G. Wells, "Sanderson of Oundle" whilst "W.E." has a set of characteristic verses on our old friend "The Boy."

According to our special correspondent, a report reaching Canton from Peking states that the Peking Government will allot the customs surplus due the South for river conservancy purpose in Canton and the district. So far no official confirmation has been received. The new Director-General of the Board of Conservancy in Canton is Mr. Lin Sun, a Fukienese, a former President of the Chinese Senate and at present Secretary of Reconstruction to Dr. Sun's General Headquarters.

From recent estimates some \$225,000 is needed this year to complete the work on the West River and \$1,900,000 for improvements to the entrances to Canton Harbour.

### CHINESE POLITICS.

#### WAR EXPECTED IN THE SOUTH.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PAKKAI, KONGMOON, June 22. It appears as if my report made some time ago that General Chan Kwing-ming was organising an offensive against the pro-Sun garrisons in the Southern Peninsula is to be borne out.

Chu Tung-hoi, erstwhile pirate leader, who surrendered to the "government" about two years ago, and is now loyal to Chan, is crossing over from Yeung Chun with about 2,000 rifles. So Ting-yau is leading a similar number from Lui Chow, and Chan Cheung-po, whose men are also stated to number 2,000, is marching on Yeungkong from Low Lung.

At Yanping and Sunning, the situation is becoming serious. Leung She-fung is proceeding from Sanwui city to Yanping with reinforcements. Other troops to counter the projected offensive are moving up to Sanwui city under Li Ting-tak.

Other military movements are the return to Canton of troops under Leung Yau-kuk from Sanwui and those under Hu Chai from Shekhi. They are said to be rallying to General Hsu Shung-chi's banner.

#### Other News Items.

In spite of spirited protests by the people, local authorities have insisted on collecting one month's rent for military expenses. The levy has now been collected.

A Mr. Shiu is the present magistrate of Hoksien. His predecessor, Li Yat-ngok, is now in Hongkong, where he is stated to have expressed himself as "finished with politics." In an interview he told me that he is not likely to seek appointment again.

#### EAST RIVER.

(Courtesy, Daily Bulletin.)

A message from Swatow that telegrams say that fighting is proceeding in the East River district near Waichow between Yeh Chu's and Yung Shi Ming's forces. The latter are mostly Yunnanese, who are supporting Sun Yat-sen. Chen Chung-ming has left Swatow for Waichow, apparently with the intention of supporting Yeh Chu, while Lin Hu from Laoyang is endeavouring to link up with Yeh Chu, and the Southern Fukien reinforcements have been ordered to the East River.

Hung Chow-lin has also gone to the East River district.

#### SUPPORT FOR SUN YAT-SEN.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

The part of the Cantonese Army supporting Dr. Sun Yat-sen and in command of General Hsu Chung-chi appears to be confident that at least nineteen districts along the West River of Kwangtung are for its chief. General Hsu has just given order that all tax proceeds from these districts shall go to his financial department located in Kongmoon. The districts are Kaoyue, Shunwui, Hengshang, Shuntak, Toyshan, Hoiping, Yeping, Hokaian, Chikoi, Takshing, Loting, Wamam, Wankai, Kwongling, Szewui, Kohming, Sunhing, Fungumen, and Hoikien. At the same time, the Commissioner of Finance in Canton, who is also secretary of finance to Dr. Sun, has given instructions to all magistrates that all taxes when collected shall go to him and that a remittance shall be at once made as soon as \$300 is accumulated. To hasten remittance and better supervise the district collections, the commissioner of finance will detail deputies to the district seats of government.

#### MOUNT EVEREST.

##### TRAGEDY HALTS FINAL DASH.

LONDON, June 21. Tragedy has attended the latest attempt to conquer Mount Everest, according to the *Westminster Gazette*, which states that Leigh Mallory and A. C. Irvine, two members of the party, were killed during the final attempt to reach the summit.

The *Daily Express* says the news received by the victims' relatives shows that Mallory and Irvine were caught in a monsoon near the summit. Sir Francis Younghusband, interviewed by the *Westminster Gazette*, stated that the expedition was within a short distance of the summit, indeed, higher than ever previously attained; but it is practically certain the expedition will now have to be abandoned, at least for the present year.—*Reuter*.



## SHAMEEN ASSASSIN.

## DEAD BODY FOUND.

## NATIONALITY STILL UNCERTAIN.

## Clue Of Watch That Stopped.

## OUTRAGE PLANNED FOR REPULSE BAY?

French and Chinese authorities are quite convinced that the body found floating in the river on Saturday evening is that of the man who threw the bomb according to an interview a *China Mail* representative had this morning with Dr. A. M. Vadon of Hongkong.

## Watch That Stopped.

Dr. Vadon had just returned from Canton whither he had been summoned shortly after the outrage to attend his friend and former fellow-student, Dr. Casabianca, the Acting French Consul, and it was he who was called upon to make an examination of the floating body after its recovery from the river.

"From the state of the body I ascertained that it had probably been in the river about 48 hours," Dr. Vadon said, "and the watch had stopped at 8.47, just the time that the man was seen by his pursuers to dive headlong into the river. The body was clothed in a white shirt and shorts, certainly a distinctive mark for a native—exactly as the man who threw the bomb was clothed. The face was very much swollen and it was impossible to say whether the man was an Annamite. Likewise it was impossible for him to be identified other than by his dress by those who actually saw the man who threw the bomb. Every-one feels convinced that this was the man."

"I think those of us who attended the dinner at Repulse Bay when M. Merlin was entertained prior to his leaving Hongkong for Canton had a very narrow escape if we had only known it," continued Dr. Vadon. "For on the body of this man whom I am convinced is the assassin were found three Hongkong dollars. He had apparently intended to make his attack here but found that M. Merlin was too well guarded."

**Condition of the Injured.**

Asked what was the condition of Dr. Casabianca when he left Canton, Dr. Vadon said that his condition was certainly pretty serious but, in his (Dr. Vadon's) opinion he would recover. Chief danger was to be feared from the wound in his back from which had been extracted the nose of the bomb, pieces of string, an old iron and all sorts of odds and ends. His left arm was uninjured but his right was broken and there was an incised wound just below, which laid the elbow completely open. "It will be a question of months," said Dr. Vadon, "but I think he will pull through."

Asked what were the number of the casualties and the latest news concerning the wounded, Dr. Vadon said that confusion had arisen owing to M.M. Pelletier and Gerin having been reported to have been killed outright when as a matter of fact although fatally wounded they did not die until later. Thus the number of casualties was five.

"No one else is seriously injured," said Dr. Vadon "although Captain Bernard's condition still causes anxiety. His wound is not very serious but he is in rather high fever."

"I attended M. Beau, M. Gerin's partner, who is very well known here in Hongkong," added Dr. Vadon, "and although he has small pieces of the bomb all over his face his injuries are not serious."

"I also attended two other members of the French business community who are slightly wounded and are now in the Paul de Doumer Hospital and two in the Canton Hospital. They, together with two others who are being attended at home, comprise the injured."

## MIDDLE CLASS MAN.

## Canton Official Opinion.

Advices emanating from official circles in Canton give more details of the alleged assassin's body. This body was recovered from that part of the Canton River, not far from Honam (the southern part of the city) almost opposite the East Bund.

Deceased was about thirty to thirty-five years of age and bore no trace of being of the rough class. He had the appearance of being at least a middle class man.

He was wearing a sunproof jacket, white trousers and shoes. It is also stated that on his person was found an unused bullet which corresponds to another picked up in the French Gardens on Shameen. He had \$3 and his watch had stopped at about 8.55 at which hour he is believed to have jumped into the river.

## SAFELY AWAY.

## INDO-CHINA GOVERNOR'S DEPARTURE.

## CROWD AT BLAKE PIER.

M. Merlin, Governor-General of Indo-China, left Hongkong this morning by the French mail steamer "Chantilly." He was accompanied by Mme. Merlin and their son, as well as by M. Chatelet, Chief of Staff.

Every precaution was taken by the Hongkong authorities and the arrangements passed off without a hitch. As expected, inclement weather did not prevent a crowd—bigger than the one which gathered to see the arrival, on Tuesday—from being present at Blake Pier. Through the cordons and from the verandahs of adjoining buildings, people vied with each other to catch a glimpse of the Governor-General.

Police were drawn up on both sides of Blake Pier and no person was allowed to pass without permission. A guard of honour was drawn up on the pier.

About half past nine, His Excellency accompanied by his party arrived in motor-cars and were conveyed on board the "Chantilly" which shortly afterwards left for Indo-China.

M. Jeanbrau, political secretary to the Governor-General, stayed in Canton to attend the funeral of the victims and Capt. Bernard, the A.D.C., is expected to remain in hospital for a few weeks.

## Messages of Sympathy.

Messages of condolence with relatives of the victims and congratulations to M. Merlin on his good fortune, have poured in from many sources.

A *Reuter* telegram from Paris says:—

The papers prefer to await precise details before giving judgment touching the attempt upon Governor-General Merlin.

The students of the Franco-Chinese Institute of Lyons, natives of Canton, handed the papers a note, protesting indignantly against the attempt, condoning with the families of the victims. The students will ask the Government of Canton to search actively for, and punish severely the criminals."

M. Daladier, Minister for the French Colonies has sent a telegram. Another has been received from M. Monpezat, delegate of Annam and Consul Superior of the Colonies. The Secrétaire General at Hanoi has cabled on behalf of the General Commandant Supérieur of Cochinchina, the Residents Supérieurs, the Emperor of Hanoi and the Kings of Cambodia and Luang-Prabang.

Admiral Leveson; Admiral Frochet; the Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, Baron Matsui; Baron Salto (Governor of Korea); the French Minister to Peking and Consuls in China; the Departments in Indo-China; the municipalities of Haiphong and Hanoi; the Chambers of Commerce at Haiphong, at Hanoi; the Mayors of Osaka, Kobe and Yokohama; the Chamber of Commerce and the Municipality of Shanghai; the Director of a newspaper in Indo-China; the United States Minister to Peking; the Central Chinese Government and the Governor of Macao were half-masted.

It is also stated that Mr. Liu Chung-ol, the newly-appointed Civil Governor of Canton, offered his congratulations in person.

**Yesterday's Outings.**

Yesterday morning, M. Merlin was present at Mass conducted by the Rev. Father Robert at the French Mission in memory of the victims. Many Hongkong French residents were present. In the afternoon, His Excellency was accompanied by Sir Edward Stubbbs on a motor trip.

M. de la Prade of Foochow has been mentioned as likely to be appointed French Consul.

A rumour emanating from Canton states that the dead body of a man has been found in the river but his identity has not been established.

Experts are of the opinion that a crude bomb was used, consisting of a metal container and pieces of flat. It is also thought that dynamite was not used but some other explosive.

## A BROKEN KNIFE.

## EVIDENCE AGAINST STEP-BROTHER.

That he was found twenty-four hours after a robbery in possession of a broken knife, into which fitted a portion of a knife found in the premises burgled was the chief evidence at the Criminal Sessions this morning against Ching Yuen-kum who was charged with breaking into a house in Lok Hing Lane on May 17 and stealing a jacket, also with wounding Ching Tai-chi.

Mr. T. Hazlerigg, Crown Solicitor, prosecuted and Mr. N. L. Brower defended.

The robbery took place at 4.30 in the morning, Ching Tai-chi being awakened by a noise and on getting out of bed seeing the form of a man in the passage. "They man immediately attacked him with a knife and inflicted a wound which severed the cheek and cut into the mouth. In spite of this, Ching Tai-chi clung to the neck of the man, and when he broke away seized his coat-tails which came away in his hands. The police were informed immediately.

## GOLDEN SOVEREIGNS.

A coat which had been taken from the room was found in the passage. The most valuable things about the jacket had been cut off it, viz. three buttons which were actually British golden sovereigns and five gold button rings. In the street was found the rest of the jacket from which the tails had been torn by Ching Tai-chi. In an inside pocket of this were found the gold buttons and rings.

The prisoner was the step-brother of the stabbed who said he could not make out who his assailant was owing to it being quite dark.

The prisoner's arrest was made early the next morning by a Chinese constable whose suspicions were aroused by the man's behaviour. On him, underneath a belt round his waist, was found a blood-stained knife with tips missing. A tip of a knife which fitted this had been found in a crack in a dressing table, an attempt having been made to force a drawer.

On the prisoner's neck were scratches which the Crown alleged were inflicted by Ching Tai-chi when he tackled the man in the passage. There were also stains on the waist band which when submitted to the Government bacteriologist were found to be blood stains.

The prisoner when charged at Magistrate's court alleged that the knife had been put on his person by the constable who arrested him.

(Case proceeding.)

## Victims' Funeral.

M. Jeanbrau (Political Secretary) and Commander Seychelle, of the French gunboat "Craonne," were the representatives of M. Merlin at the funeral on Saturday morning of the victims of the outrage. The service was held at the Catholic church in the Shameen and the interment at the cemetery at Macao Fort. Practically the whole of the Shameen attended the funeral and there were floral tributes in abundance, including one from the Chinese authorities at Canton.

Commander Seychelle, in the name of the French Navy expressed the deepest indignation at the abominable outrage of which their countrymen had been the victims. A few hours ago they had been participating in a joyful gathering and cementing the ties which were always so close between Frenchmen working so far away from their own country. A criminal hand had thrown an infernal machine and turned the place of joy into a place of carnage.

Let that criminal hand be forever condemned: let the brain which guided the hand and the spirit which allowed the brain to develop such an abominable thought, suffer.

To his dear countrymen whom they were conducting to their last resting place he would say that their names were added to the list of those who had died in the East for the honour of France. They would repose in peace—Vive la France!

To his countrymen present that day he had been directed to say that the Governor-General of Indo-China expressed his deep sympathy with them in their sudden bereavement. To the still suffering he addressed his affectionate and deep sympathy and his wishes for a speedy and complete recovery. To all those nationalities who had afforded their friendly help under such terrible circumstances he addressed the most sincere thanks in the name of France.

## "SKULL AND BONES."

## PIRACY FOLLOWS MUTINY.

## CHINESE GUNBOAT'S EXPERIENCES.

## STEAMER THAT IGNORED SIGNALS TO STOP.

Mutiny resulting in the alleged forcible locking up of the commander, executive officer and chief engineer officer, is stated to have been the first cause of the Chinese gunboat "Kong Tai" (not "Kwong Tai" as elsewhere given) turning pirate and attacking the towed ferries running between Hongkong and Shekai and Hongkong and Kaulong.

What is even more alarming is the statement that before these three large junks were stopped and ransacked several other native craft were pirated by the same gunboat and that the s.s. "Anjou," which flies the British flag and trades from Hongkong to Wuchow was also signalled to stop. The story goes, however, that she was in "unofficial" company with two other Wuchow steamers, on their way down to Hongkong and the moral support made the piratical gunboat think twice before getting to close quarters. Meanwhile a British gunboat (or armed patrol) came into sight at Tai Nam Sha Mei and the gunboat made off.

Towards the end of last week the "Kong Tai" left Canton ostensibly for patrol work on the West River. Her crew had been quoted as having been dissatisfied at the non-payment of arrears of pay owing to them and they alleged that part of the funds had been withheld by officers on shore duty. Be that as it may, the officers are said to have been subdued and locked up in the hold. A pirate gang under a notorious leader stepped on board, it is alleged, in accordance with an arrangement with the ringleaders.

Instead of flying the "Jolly Roger" the gunboat hoisted a banner which announced that she had been especially assigned to search for arms smugglers. This had desired effect as all the merchant craft they met offered no resistance. Before they came upon the three boats from Shekai and Kaulong, they had already stopped five or six cargo boats, four or five launches and over ten silk boats, from which they had taken loot estimated in some quarters, to be valued at between eight and nine lakhs of dollars.

After being sighted by the British patrol, the gunboat is stated to have gone to some landing place where the loot was taken ashore. She is now reported as having returned to Canton where the Coastal Defence Bureau is investigating.

When a report of the piracy was made at Hongkong, the larger police launches went out as far as Whangmoon to look for one of the missing launches, which has since returned to Shekai.

It is interesting to note that a fortnight or so ago, a Chinese naval boat was "captured" near Macao for alleged participation in smuggling. To-day our Hongmoon correspondent reports another "capture" for unlawful levies and this is followed by the "skull and bones" adventures of the "Kong Tai."

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

One case of diphtheria, English, and one of enteric fever, Chinese, were notified during the week-end.

For mooring boats less than 100 yards from low water mark three mistresses of passenger boats were fined \$3 and four of cargo boats were fined \$5 at the Marine Court this morning.

A coolie who slipped down the side of No. 1 Hill Kowloon yesterday, fell head first on to rocks at the bottom and was killed almost instantaneously.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. C. W. Olsen returned to the Colony by the s.s. "President Grant" to-day.

According to a cable from Paris, Captain Pelletier d'Oisy, the dashing aviator, has been made a knight in the Legion of Honour.

Our Kowloon correspondent writes that Dr. J. MacDonald, of the Pakkai Presbyterian Hospital, has left for Canada. His successor is Dr. W. B. McClure.

According to a *Daily Bulletin* cable from Tokyo, Baron Tomochiro, Yushiro, Privy Councillor, succeeds Baron Kawamura as President of the South Manchuria Railway, who has resigned.

## COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

## CANTON TOBACCO TRADE.

## (From Our Special Correspondent.)

Tobacco firms in Canton handling unprepared material or doing export business suspended business a few days ago as a protest against the recently imposed surtax of 20 per cent. These wholesale tobacco dealers claim that they are already paying more than enough taxes in various forms other than the regular *likin* tax on tobacco, and they are not going to stand for a further increase of 20 per cent. Retail dealers in cut tobacco, cigarettes, and other forms of smokes are not affected by the wholesale trade's action for the present.

## SHANGHAI MARKET.

Shanghai, June 21.

The *North-China Daily News*, in its weekly market report, says that the market has suffered an unexplainable lapse. Piece goods caused the trouble, and the only possible explanation is the continuance of the policy of reducing or increasing orders as the raw material goes down or up. Last week the price ran down, hence the reduction in piece goods orders.

The produce market, as one merchant said, can only be described as "more and more moribund."

In piece goods, the indent business has been very quiet, with enquiry of a more general nature, but very limited. Although local values are easier, only small sales were recorded owing to the high native interest. Forward business is at present unpopular with the dealers, as they are convinced that the home values must weaken. The auctions were very dull owing to the sudden drop in the price of the raw material. Cotton scarcity is locally reported, and prices, though they declined smartly at the week-end, are still regarded as high. The tendency is bearish. Yarn did not fluctuate greatly and is now steady.

Produce is practically unchanged. There were a few enquiries for sesamum seed, but, hitherto, local prices much exceed buyers' ideas, and enquiries for other commodities are negligible.—*Courtesy, Daily Bulletin.*

## BANK CRISIS SEQUEL.

## CHINESE MERCHANTS BANK IN CANTON.

## ASSETS REPORTED TO BE \$450,000.

Our special correspondent in Canton writes to the effect that two Cantonese officials are now inspecting the books of the branch of the Chinese Merchants Bank in Canton. The assets discovered so far amount to about \$450,000, while the liabilities are still in calculation.

## WORLD FLIERS.

## PORTUGUESE AVIATORS IN HONGKONG.

## PLANE STILL AT SAMCHUN.

Up to the time of our going to press this afternoon, the aeroplane in which Captain Brito, Aires and Captain Sarmiento de Beires made a forced landing at Samchun, had not been brought back to Hongkong.

On inquiry at the Kowloon Railway it was learned that yesterday and to-day Chinese mechanics and workmen went to Samchun to see what could be done with the damaged plane. This morning two Europeans whose identity has not been established, went to Samchun by train in company with the workmen.

From the office of the Portuguese Consul General it was gathered that the aviators did not go to Samchun but stayed in Hongkong during the day. Later they will be on board the gunboat "Patria" which will remain in port.

Hurlingham, June 22.—In the Inter-Varsity polo match Oxford beat Cambridge by 7 goals to 5.—*Reuter.*

Paris, June 21.—*Le Journal* publishes a report from Berlin that the German Government has made a demarch to Britain with a view to securing a formal undertaking that the Ruhr towns of Dusseldorf, Duisburg and Ruhrort will be evacuated as soon as the Reichstag has accepted legislative measures to give effect to the experts' report. The question will be discussed by Mr. MacDonald and M. Herriot at Chequers.—*Reuter.*

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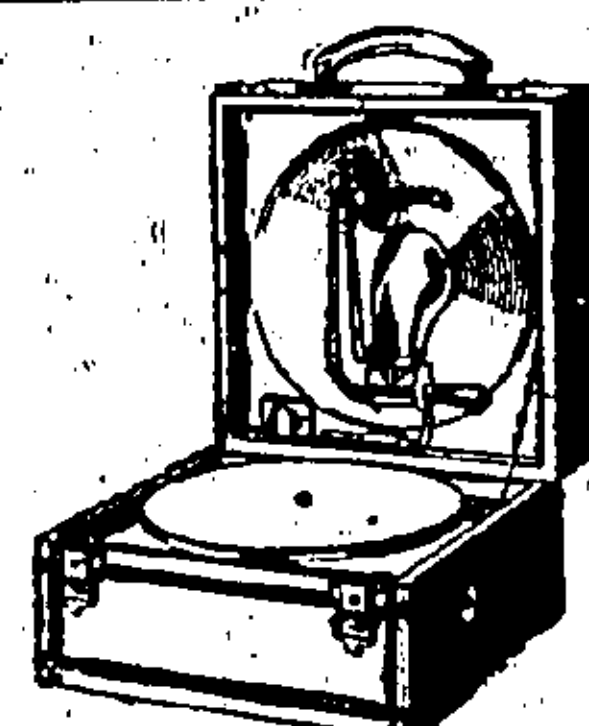
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### MR. ERIC MOLLER.

#### SHANGHAI BANKRUPTCY EXAMINATION.

#### SHIPPING EXPERIENCES.

#### Claim On Hongkong Government.

In the Supreme Court, Shanghai, on Monday, June 16, says the "N.C. Daily News," Mr. Eric Moller came up for public examination in bankruptcy before His Honour Judge Sir Skinner Turner. The statement of affairs showed net liabilities amounting to Tls. 255,697 and assets Tls. 1,616.

Mr. H. Lipson Ward appeared on behalf of the petitioning creditors, the Yangtze Insurance Association and the Shanghai Dock & Engineering Co., and Mr. Reader Harris for the Kailan Mining Administration.

In answer to the Official Receiver (Mr. R. F. le Mesurier), debtor stated that he had been engaged in the shipping business for 33 years, and his father was in the business before him.

The Official Receiver informed his Lordship that at the first meeting of creditors a composition was proposed by Mr. Moller and was accepted by the creditors then present. He had since written to two creditors who were not present and one had replied saying that they also agreed. The other creditor, in Chioan, had not yet replied, but he anticipated there would be no disapproval. In the circumstances, he did not propose to ask Mr. Moller many questions, debtor having made a very full statement at the first meeting, a statement with which he thought the creditors were more or less satisfied.

His Lordship: You have reason to believe the proposed composition will be accepted by creditors, subject to approval by the Court? The Official Receiver: It has already been accepted by special resolution.

His Lordship: Very well. I shall not disapprove of the course you propose to take. Have you any objection, Mr. Ward?

Mr. Ward: None.

His Lordship: The public examination must of course be completed before the composition can be put forward, and there would be no difficulty in re-opening it if necessary.

Mr. Ward: In view of the facts, we all hope that the composition will be approved by the Court, and I do not think any good purpose can be served by questioning debtor this morning. If I went into all matters relevant to the bankruptcy it would take a long time, and I do not propose to question debtor on behalf of the two creditors I represent.

Mr. Moller Asks to Explain.

After Mr. Reader Harris had questioned debtor with reference to his client's claim for coal supplied to the str. "Ralph Moller" and "Henli." Mr. Moller asked to be allowed to make a statement. "I would ask your Lordship to be patient with me," he said, "because this is a great moment in my life. I want to put my position before you and before my friends here in justice to myself and my wife, and to explain how I have been brought to this deplorable and humiliating position. I want to take this opportunity of clearing myself and of showing how I have been unable to prevent an enormous fortune passing through my hands, so that I can leave this court with my head up."

The Official Receiver pointed out that if in his statement Mr. Moller said anything which was likely to raise a controversy, a great deal of harm might be done, and that was what they wanted to avoid, since everybody was agreed that Mr. Moller had been unfortunate.

Mr. Moller said he would be careful in what he told the Court, but he did wish to show how he had come to his present position.

His Lordship: I quite see your position, and I do not want to stop you, but you must remember a composition is proposed and you have not been asked anything at all about your bankruptcy. If you want to make a full statement, possibly you may force people to withdraw from that composition.

Mr. Moller: There will be nothing personal against any of the creditors in what I say. His Lordship: Very well. I cannot prevent you making a statement.

#### Previous Shipping Experience.

Mr. Moller then gave a lengthy account of his business career. He began by saying that he had been brought to this humiliating position after having had an enormous fortune pass through his hands, and he wanted to make his position clear, for the sake of his family, his friends, the Yangtze Insurance Association, who had trusted him for many years, and all the agencies at the coast ports whose confidence he had long enjoyed. It was 33 years ago this month since he left school and joined his father in business, sailing ships, being at that time operated. He took over the business in 1902, on the death of his father, and two years later he found opportunity for using his shipping experience to a very great extent. The Russo-Japanese war came on, and it was then that he first came in touch with the Yangtze Insurance Association. In that year, he looked after the interests of a Norwegian steamer running the blockade between Shanghai and Vladivostok, and this was successfully done. Meanwhile, he was approached by patriots in the war and was offered a bonus of 20 per cent. on the ship and her cargo if he would divulge information as to her movements. He turned this offer down, and when the late Mr. W. S. Jackson heard what he had done he said he would never forget it and that if the opportunity arose he would assist debtor in shipping.

#### On War Service.

In that year the "Gemmii" and "Sagittarius" were ordered Home by the British Government. He sent them to the New Engineering Works to have repairs done costing over Tls. 60,000, and the steamers were sent to Saigon and loaded with rice for France. Three other boats followed, all to assist in the war, he being glad to assist even though the losses were enormous. Two of the vessels were destroyed by submarines and one was lost on the run between France and England. The "Peregrine" was also lost, and he thus suffered enormous capital loss without being able to get a copper of it back.

The "Lindsay Moller," the "Ralph Moller," and the "Wallawa" (in which Messrs. Bunkell had an interest), were then taken over by the Hongkong Government, and his business became stagnant, he having no more tonnage. He then decided to build two steamers, and contracted with the Kiangnan Dock to build the "Shanghai No. 2," for which he was to pay \$650,000, and also the "Nancy Moller," for which he paid \$175,000 cash. The two ships were delivered and were supposed to be classified Bureau Veritas. On her maiden voyage, however, the "Shanghai No. 2" had to be beached in the Shanghai river, being absolutely unseaworthy, and they were all thankful she had not gone out to sea, as she would have perished. The "Nancy Moller" was also unfortunate on her maiden trip, there being a blow-out of the boiler tubes as she was entering Hongkong. One man was killed and several injured and the boat had to be brought back to Shanghai. These two boats, representing an investment of \$1,000,000, were laid up at Kiangnan for over six months. Excellent time charters had been fixed up for both vessels, covering their value, but permission had to be given to the charterers to cancel them. On the question of a claim for damages being raised, the matter was amicably settled, \$250,000

being paid in cash, the "Shanghai No. 2" being handed back to the builders, and "Nancy Moller" being retained. By this time, said Mr. Moller, the market was down, he could make nothing out of the vessels, and they had to be written down to a very normal value.

#### The Case Against Hongkong.

Mr. Moller next described a visit to England which he made to see what had happened to his valuable assets there. He found there were none, for most unfortunately the people to whom he had entrusted his interests had got entangled in the huge financial embarrassment which spread over England in 1919, and so he was at Home for six months without doing anything. Finally, he cut down the value of his property by 50 per cent. and settled on an amicable basis by accepting promissory notes. He returned to China in 1920. During his absence, legal proceedings had been instituted at Hongkong against the Hongkong Government. He was on a very friendly terms with Mr. Fletcher, the Colonial Secretary, and had several meetings with him at Hongkong. A case similar to his own had been brought by a shipping company against the Singapore Government, and it was mutually agreed not to spend anything in legal fees, but to try to settle their differences amicably when the result of the Singapore case became known.

During 1918, the only year when shipping was to any extent profitable, Mr. Moller continued the earnings of his vessels amounted to \$408,538, which went to the Hongkong Government. He considered he had made an unfortunate slip in holding up his own legal proceedings pending publication of the result of the Singapore case. Returning to Shanghai in the autumn of 1920, he found that business had been had during his 16 months' absence, but he cleared off every obligation except that with the Yangtze Insurance Association, a loan of Tls. 120,000 in connection with the purchase of the "Lindsay Moller." This was the only serious financial obligation he had had; all the others being of a minor character, and this amount was put as a mortgage against the "Lindsay Moller." Mr. Jackson quite rightly pointed out that the value of tonnage had gone down so seriously that the security was insufficient, and accordingly the "Ralph Moller" then unencumbered, was given as collateral security.

#### Position in 1920.

In 1920, he had property of the total value of Tls. 1,610,808—including in this amount the earnings of the steamers being handled by the Hongkong Government, and he felt practically certain he would receive sufficient to clear off his obligation with the Yangtze Insurance Association. The shipping market collapsed in 1921, and he had further trouble with the "Nancy Moller." She was chartered by a firm in Java, but the firm gave declared bankrupt, and the vessel had to be taken back to Hongkong, at his expense. She was sold there, and all they could get was \$26,000. The "Lindsay Moller," which cost \$250,000, was sold to a Chinese for \$32,000, which sum was paid to the Yangtze Insurance Association. The motor schooner "Chris Moller" also had to be disposed of, and this vessel, which had cost \$213,000, was sold by Messrs. Hopkins, Dunn & Co. for Tls. 12,200, and this sum was also used in the interests of the Yangtze Insurance Co. The str. "Fahlo," which cost Tls. 97,000, was sold for Tls. 21,650, and this was the only sum of the whole lot which he touched himself, and he used it in his business in an attempt to stem the run of trouble, which he saw coming along.

Mr. Moller went on to say that he had a small limited company, Moller & Co., and he put \$50,000 cash into the Shanghai office and \$50,000 into the Hongkong office. The Shanghai office unfortunately lost its capital and was quietly wound up, everything being paid. He had also to shelve the Hongkong office, a trusted servant they had down there having embezzled nearly all the capital. This company was being held in abeyance in case one of his children by and by wished to start business at Hongkong.

#### Hongkong's Indemnity Act.

Mr. Moller described at length his many attempts to get the Hongkong Government to meet his claim in whole or in part, saying that he visited Hongkong two or three times a year for this purpose. The position at one time looked very favourable, he being given to understand that his readiness to accept 50 per cent. of the total amount due would be favourably considered at Home. Then came publication of the Singapore judgment, and the passing of the

### JAPAN'S PROTEST.

#### AMERICAN REPLY. DISAPPOINTING.

Tokyo, June 20.

While generally appreciating the sincere and friendly tone of the American reply, this morning's papers practically unanimously stamp it as empty and theoretical and criticise it for its failure to answer Japan's contention that the Immigration Law does not conform with the spirit of true friendship, and that it is in violation of international comity and morality. Rather than urging that the question be followed up, there is evidence of a tendency among many commentators to recommend that the matter be dropped, and that Japan's future policy be conformed with the changing conditions of international relationships.

It is reliably stated that Japan does not propose to despatch another Note at present, but has indicated that she will send an acknowledgment and attempt to keep the question open until a more favourable opportunity offers, apparently after the American elections and the assembling of the new Congress.

Officials are quoted as approving the friendliness of the Note, but they are somewhat disappointed, though appreciating the difficulties under which it was written.

In the meantime, protest meetings continue to be held in different parts of the country, and resolutions are being adopted, the principal tenor of which is building up the national strength and prestige. Evidence is accumulating that the attempted anti-American boycott is losing ground, especially in face of the increasing opposition and condemnation of a boycott by traders and others who have a recognised right to speak.

The Minister of Commerce, this morning, condemns such a movement as dishonourable, and likely to prove a boomerang. He says that the Government are opposed to an anti-American move, but they are ready to encourage the exclusion of luxuries, if this opportunity is seized to inculcate habits of thrift and simplicity of life as well as the development of domestic industries.—Courtesy, Daily Bulletin.

### WORLD FLIGHT.

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Indemnity Act, which barred his claim being heard and prevented him from recovering anything. The "Ralph Moller" was handed over to the Yangtze Insurance Association and was sold for Tls. 55,000, and thus there passed into Chinese ownership a vessel for which he had paid Tls. 475,000.

Mr. Moller concluded by saying that he was prepared to work to the utmost to carry out his proposal to creditors, but it would entail 10 years' mental strain. He trusted that when the Hongkong Government saw the position in which he was placed they would come forward from behind the barrier of the Indemnity Act and do him the justice of relieving him of some part of the burden he was taking on his shoulders in the attempt to do the right thing by his creditors.

The Ownership of "Fairlyland." After his statement had been read over, Mr. Moller asked permission to make reference to "Fairlyland," saying that he did not want any wrong impression about it to get abroad.

Mr. Ward: "Fairlyland" has not been disclosed in the statement of assets, and I do not see that it is material until Mr. Moller is questioned about it.

The Official Receiver suggested that the matter should be left till later on.

His Lordship: Nobody has asked you any questions about "Fairlyland," Mr. Moller.

Mr. Ward: And you have been treated very kindly, you know.

Mr. Moller: From your point of view, Mr. Ward.

Debtor was allowed to make his statement, and informed the court that "Fairlyland" was financed by his father-in-law, Mr. Blechynden, in 1907. Just before he died, Mr. Blechynden asked witness to see that Mrs. Moller and the children were protected, and accordingly he confirmed the property in his wife's name, most of it having been so purchased and registered.

His Lordship: There has been no suggestion, Mr. Moller, that your statement of affairs is not an accurate statement. The examination was then declared adjourned.

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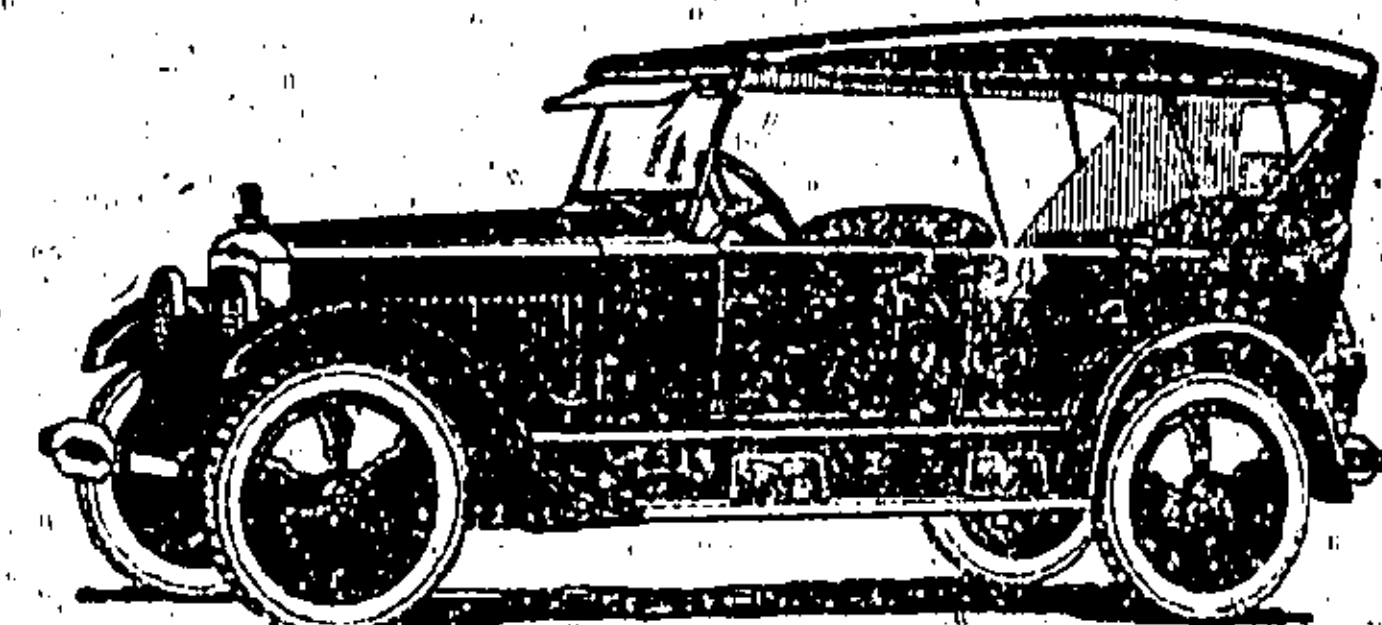
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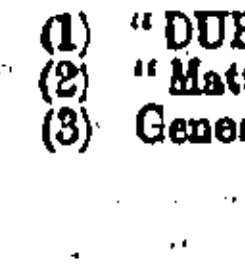
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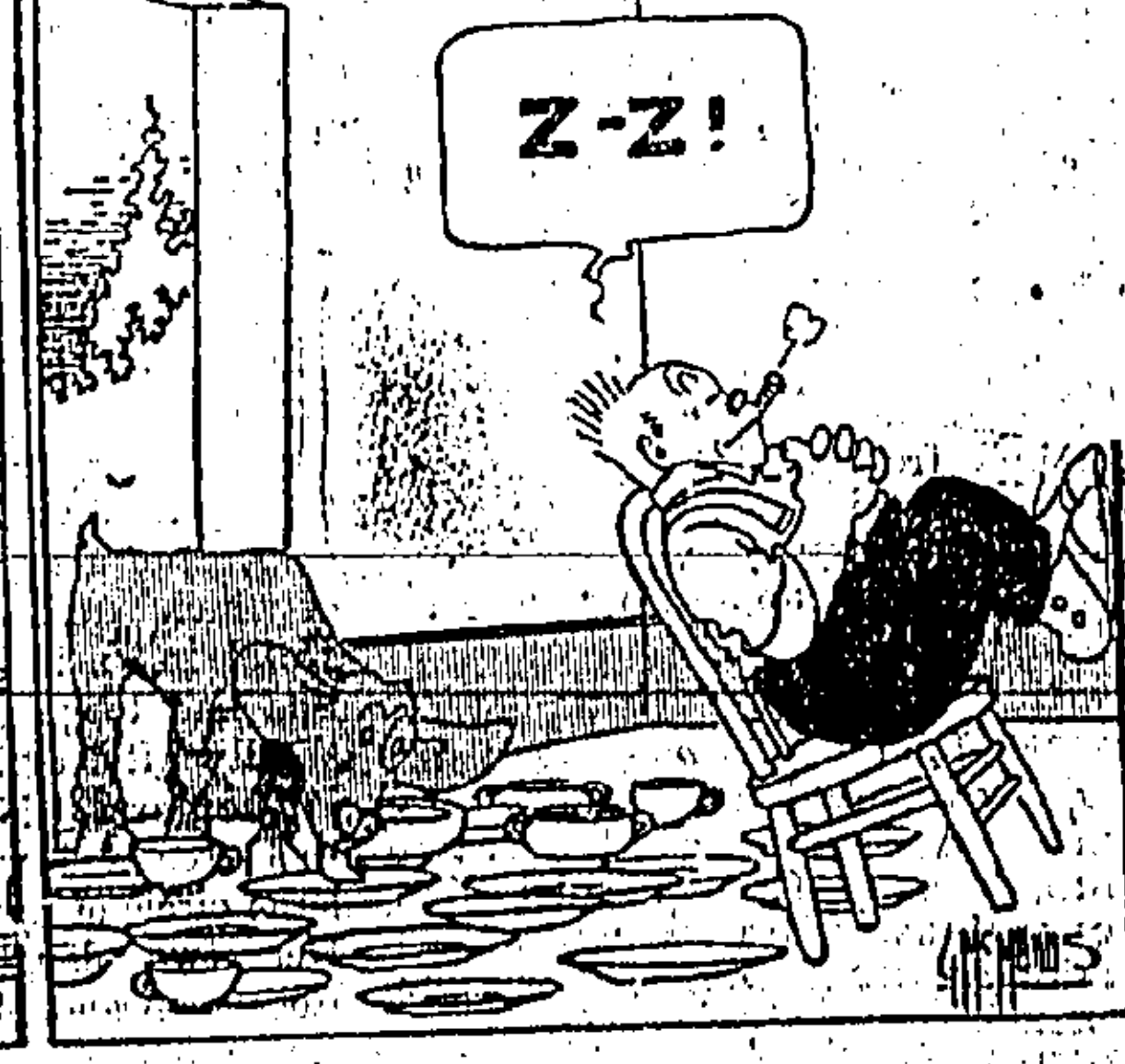
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## IMMURED IN ASYLUM.

## PATIENTS' DAMAGES

## AGAINST DOCTORS.

## APPEAL ALLOWED.

The Appeal Court has allowed the appeal of Dr. Adam, and has ordered a retrial of W. S. Harnett's case against Dr. Bond, an official of the Home Office. The court, in giving Dr. Adam judgment with costs, ordered Harnett to repay the bond of \$5,000 for damages. The judges said that the verdict had caused such widespread anxiety, and apprehension that there was a danger of the real issue being confused. They could not accept the view of Mr. Justice Lush in the original case that a person incorrectly diagnosing a case was guilty of acts of omission. They thought Dr. Adam acted in good faith and with reasonable care.

Dr. Bond's case was entirely different, as he had no legal justification for his action; but the damages had been assessed on the wrong basis. The judges admitted that there were considerable grounds for saying Harnett had been detained as a lunatic longer than was necessary. The results were sufficiently startling to justify careful examination of the legal position.

The grounds of appeal were misdirection of the jury and excessive damages. This action gives cause for grave misgivings as to the sufficiency of the statutes protecting persons from wrongful detention in asylums. Some sort of judicial inquiry ought to be held in cases where doubt exists, the judge remarked during the case in which W. S. Harnett sued Dr. Bond, and Dr. Adam for wrongful detention for more than eight years in a lunatic asylum, and was awarded £17,000 damages against Bond, and £7,500 against Adam. The jury found that Dr. Bond did not honestly believe that Harnett was of unsound mind, and that while Dr. Adam (into whose home Harnett was received) did believe so, he did not take reasonable care to ascertain Harnett's true condition.

The certificate upon which Mr. Harnett was committed to the asylum stated, among other things, that he was found in an excited state haranguing a crowd of villagers. His condition then was due to religious exaltation caused by his near approach to death during his illness. He asked, but was refused, permission to preach to the prisoners at Borsdal, and offered his services as a preacher to the deacons of the local Wesleyan chapel. He also had an intense desire to crave forgiveness from anyone with whom he had any cause for quarrel.

In December, 1912, Mr. Harnett was let out on probation for 28 days.

At the offices of the commissioners, in Victoria-street, S.W., his name was recognised as that of one who had been writing to the commissioners from Malling, and he was seen by Dr. Bond, who, after listening to his story, slipped out of the room and telephoned to Dr. Adam, asking him to send his men up to take back the "escaped lunatic."

Each time Mr. Harnett tried to leave the room to go to luncheon he was detained on a pretext until keepers arrived to take him back to Malling.

After that Mr. Harnett spent 41 years in a Croydon asylum before going to other asylums at Virginia Water, Bournemouth, and Asylum.

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TUESDAY, JULY 1.  
Straits ..... 11 a.m.

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Manila ..... 10.30 a.m.  
Kienyang ..... 11.30 p.m.  
Hainan ..... 12.30 p.m.  
Hainan ..... 12.30 p.m.  
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Swatow and Bangkok ..... 1 p.m.  
Amoy ..... 1.30 p.m.  
Samsui and Wuchow ..... 5 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25.  
Swatow ..... 5.30 a.m.  
Java via Sourabaya ..... 10.30 a.m.  
THURSDAY, JUNE 26.  
Manila ..... 3.30 p.m.  
Shanghai and Japan ..... 3.30 p.m.  
FRIDAY, JUNE 27.  
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ..... 3 p.m.  
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe ..... 4.45 p.m.  
Marseilles—due Marseilles 1.45 p.m.  
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Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America & EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO due San Francisco July 22. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 28.

Hainan and Haiphong ..... 8 a.m.  
Manila ..... 10 a.m.  
Weihaiwei ..... 2.30 p.m.  
SUNDAY, JUNE 29.  
Hainan and Bangkok ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ..... 9 a.m.

## MONDAY, JUNE 30.

Manila, Samsui, AUSTRALIA and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 18th July. Parcels 8 p.m. 2nd July. Registration 6.15 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.

## TUESDAY, JULY 1.

Straits and Calcutta ..... 9 a.m.  
Shanghai and Japan ..... 9 a.m.  
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ..... 9 a.m.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 2.

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. Central & South America & EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C.—due Victoria B.C. 21 July. Parcels 8 p.m. Registration 21 July 9 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

## THURSDAY, JULY 3.

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## SATURDAY, JULY 5.

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## SUNDAY, JULY 6.

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## FRIDAY, JULY 11.

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## SATURDAY, JULY 12.

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## SUNDAY, JULY 13.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ..... 3 p.m.  
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## MONDAY, JULY 14.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ..... 3 p.m.  
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times, they nearly all took the right-hand turn. When the electrodes were then moved to the right-hand passage the worms learned to shift to the other passage after only sixty-five trials, evidently showing something more than the mere operation of chance.

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—Ward's Telegraph.

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## ARRIVALS.

Chihli, (B. & S.) from Dairen.  
—C37.  
Ma de Panay, (Botelhol) from Manila.—A10.  
Pres. Grant, (A. O. Line) from Seattle, Shanghai—K'loon Wharf.  
Formosa, (Swed. Trad) from Singapore—K'loon Wharf.  
Gerania, (Doddwell) from Singapore—K'loon Wharf.  
Tjalalak, (C. J. L.) from K'loon Wharf.—A6.

## DEPARTURES.

Dux, (K. M. Seng) for Bangkok.—June 23.  
Hydrangea, (Chin On) for Swatow.—June 23.  
Isla Peany, (Botelhol) for Yokohama.—June 23.  
Pres. Grant, (A. O. Line) for Manila.—June 23.

## MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" was due here at 3 p.m. today and left for Hong Kong at 4 p.m.

The O.S.K. s.s. "Ganges Maru" (Calcutta Line) left for Hong Kong on June 19 and is expected to arrive here tomorrow.

The B. F. s.s. "Titan" from Liverpool left Singapore on June 20 for this port and is due here on June 22.

The B. F. s.s. "Mipon" left Liverpool on May 24 for Hong Kong, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama and is due here on or about June 26.

The R. F. s.s. "Pyralis" left Liverpool on May 24 for Penang, Singapore, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama and is due here on or about June 26.

The P. & O. s.s. "Malwa" left Singapore for this port on June 21 at 4 p.m. with the outward English Mails and is due here on June 23 at about 8 a.m.

The B. L. s.s. "Bedouin" from Middlebrook, Antwerp and London left Singapore for this port on June 21 and is expected to arrive here on or about June 27.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Iyo Maru" (American Passenger Line) left Kobe for Hong Kong, via Nagasaki and Shanghai on June 22 and is expected to arrive here on June 23.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Hakusan Maru" (European Passenger Line) left London for Hong Kong via Suez, on May 14 and is expected here on June 30.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. s.s. "Empress of Australia" arrived at Yokohama on June 21 a.m. left Yokohama on June 21 a.m. and is due at Vancouver on July 2.

The B. F. s.s. "Talamon" left Liverpool on May 30 for Hong Kong, Shanghai and Hankow and is due here on or about July 5.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hong Kong via Japan ports and Shanghai on June 19 and is expected to arrive here on or about July 12.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. s.s. "Empress of China" left Liverpool for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on June 19 and is expected to arrive here